4TH SENATE DISTRICT

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of March 3 — March 9



#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

**Donate Blood!** 

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#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.



#### Senate Passes Worker Training \$\$ in Snowy Session

This past Tuesday, the Senate met in session (despite the snow) for a short calendar of bills. Despite the brief calendar, two major bills passed the Senate. One puts \$15 million dollars into workforce training grants to train workers that are unemployed. While a good

measure which I supported, it is woefully lacking compared to the \$70 million cut to tech colleges in last years budget. Also on Tuesday, the Senate passed a bill to allow electricians to continue unlicensed and regulated in Wisconsin. 5 years ago we passed laws to make sure consumer were protected through licensure and regulation and now we have pushed off that deadline by another year. I opposed this bill in the interest of consumer safety.



#### Taylor Bill Prevents Sequester "Budget Gimmicks"

You have heard about the "sequester" by now. It's officially known as the Budget Control Act of 2011 and requires the federal government to cut their budget this year. That law will result in less of the tax money you pay to Washington coming back to Wisconsin. Thursday, I introduced a bill that will require full public hearings and votes in the Assembly and Senate to make any cuts because of the sequester funding. It's important that we don't just accept cuts to



domestic violence prevention for example. If we have to cut, we should debate the cut and possibly provide state funding or shift funding. That is our job as the Legislature and we should fully accept. Budgets are priority statements and we must choose the right priority. My new bill will ensure that debate.



Law Day 2013

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### Paid Internship Opportunity at the City!

Applications are being accepted for the Summer Youth Internship Program. The 8 week program (June 17 through August 9) offers hourly pay in addition to providing valuable educational and employment skills. Interns will have the unique opportunity to learn hands on in departments such as the Office of the Mayor, Fire, or Public Health. Applicants must be between 16 and 19 living in the designated Community Development Block Grant area. To apply or find more information please visit: http://city.milwaukee.gov/syip

## Remembering Ray Harmon

On Monday, February 25th, God called Ramon "Ray" Harmon into the Heavens. An active leader in Milwaukee, Ray's commitment to his community was truly remarkable. In addition to serving the city and county of Milwaukee, Ray worked with Governor Doyle before joining our office as Deputy Chief of Staff in 2012.

Services were held at Greater New Birth Church and Christ the King Baptist Church this week. I had the honor of adjourning the Senate on Tuesday in honor of Ray, a dedicated Senate employ-

ee and good friend. We will miss you, Ray.

#### Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn."

-Benjamin Franklin



"Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn."

- C.S. Lewis